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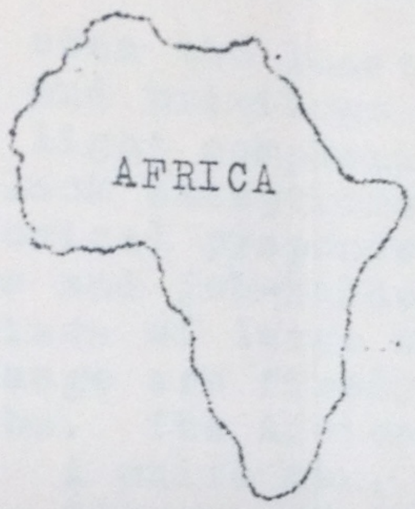

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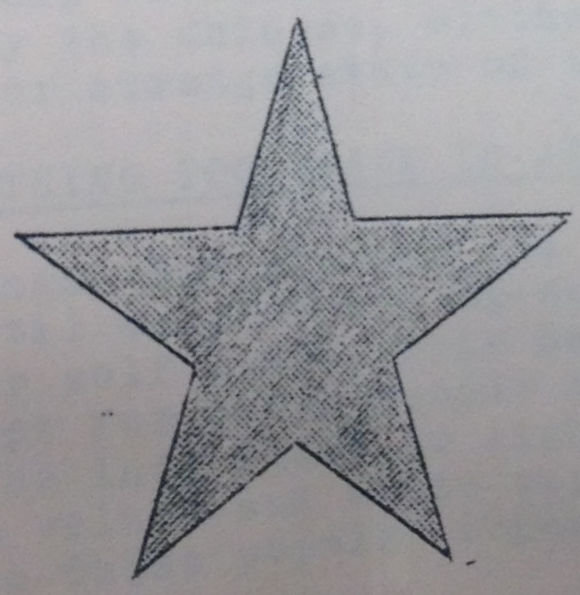

A RACE WITHOUT AUTHORITY AND POWER IS A RACE WITHOUT RESPECT
.... Marcus Garvey .

REMEMBER YOUR COLOUR AND CLEAVE TO THE BLACK .... Paul Bogle

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MWALIMU MARCUS GARVEY SPEAKS:

It has been several months since the last issue of the Black-man appeared. Apologies are due for this lapse in publication which resulted from organisational and operational problems within the A.N.U. African organisations in the Caribbean are always under pressure from the ruling authorities so that we all experience our periods of difficulty. The present issue comes out in time for the birthday of the African Nationalist, Marcus Garvey, who if he were alive today, would be physically sickened by Jamaica and Jamaican attitudes in the year 1971. Let us look at some of these attitudes.

COLOUR AND WEALTH

It is obvious to even the least observant visitor to Jamaica that wealth, property and privilege are generally the perquisites of those who are of a light complexion and have straight hair. There are naturally black exceptions, but these are insignificant compared with the numerical preponderance of the black community. The blacks are workers and job-holders. They do not own businesses or enterprises of large size. The means of production, distribution and exchange are firmly in the hands of the Europeans, Jews, Chinese and Arabs. The African, if employed, works for a master of alien race. A white man, John Pringle, in a letter that appeared in the Sunday Gleaner of December 8, 1968, had this to say "... some people are still questioning the relevance of Black Power. They must have lost their sight or be colour blind. The fodder, my friends, is angry, frustrated, irresponsibles, black and powerful. Just like it was in Watts, Detroit, New York and New Jersey. There's only one big difference and its worth mentioning. Here we have black angriness in a black country, still economically and visually controlled by a wafer-thin crust of white, near white and brown bosses!" His analysis of the situation is basically correct. In fact the dominance of certain racial minority groups in sectors of Jamaica's economy - e.g. the Chinese in the grocery wholesale and retail trade - imply that Jamaicans are fed by the Chinese, clothed by the Arabs and housed by the Jews. A rather strange state of affairs.

NOTHING TOO BLACK IS ANY GOOD

One of the things that slavery did to the transplanted Africans was to instil in them a deep sense of inferiority and an unusual capacity for self hate. This has resulted in modern Jamaica in a contempt for black people and blackness, an omni-present desire of the individual to lighten his colour and an acceptance of white values and white superiority. Basic Jamaican attitudes illustrate these popular conceptions.

The Jamaican woman will drink regular amounts of cerassie during pregnancy so that her baby will be born with a light complexion. A baby has its nose pinched every day by the mother so that it will grow with a straight nose. Some even go to the extent of using a clothes pin on the child's nose. What an effort to alter African features! Bleaching cream and hair straightening are indispensable aids to the beauty preparations of the black-skinned women of Jamaica. No other people in the world are so worried about "bad" hair, that is, African hair, as Jamaicans.

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.....Indeed it is a pitiful sight to see a black servant girl who earns perhaps eight dollars ($8.00) per week hiding her African kinks in an imported wig that costs several weeks wages. She, of course, is trying to improve her appearance.

It is not surprising that one frequently hears black people saying - "nothing too black is any good". These small-minded niggers have been taught all their life to despise blackness and Africa, the land of their fathers. Their solution to the racial problem is to "raise" their colour by intermarriage and fornication with other races. What contempt Marcus Garvey, who preached incessantly against Miscegenation, would have had for such depraved people!

THE MESSIAH - A PALER SHADE OF BROWN

The pattern of leadership in Jamaica has not really changed since the days of plantation slavery. Suitability for leadership generally depends on having a non-African appearance. Those black men who appear to be leaders hold their positions because they serve the interests of the masters. It is interesting to note that in Jamaica today, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Rural Land Development, the Chief Justice, the Commissioner of Police and the Commander of the Armed Forces are all Europeans or of European appearance. Black men in Jamaica apparently lack the ability to fill these key positions. Although Jamaican Africans are capable of making a great deal of noise about their rights in other peoples' countries, e.g. England and America, they are completely incapable of asserting their own personalities in the land of their birth. As a result the blackman still finds himself at the bottom of the organisational ladder, or at best in the middle. He freely admits that he prefers to take orders from individuals of other races rather than from one of his own kind. This unusual attitude appears to be without parallel in any other part of the world.

This ready acceptance of alien leadership is evidenced in the political field. A white or near-white politician in Jamaica is able to generate a blind adoration among the black masses who have been programmed to think in terms of a white or near-white saviour. One white politician who boasted to his black audience that he did not have one drop of negro blood was loudly cheered for his remark. Jamaicans are truly an unusual people.

WORK

There are no reliable statistics of the total number of people of working age in Jamaica who do not have a steady job. But it is reasonably certain that unemployed and under-employed total in excess of 250,000 out of a population of about 2,000,000. These are ugly figures and imply that a large, unproductive portion of the population is a parasitic sharge on the hard-working remainder. How do the 250,000 survive? By sponging on relatives and friends, begging, and a wide variety of criminal and semi-criminal activities. It is not infrequent for a strong, healthy begger to be offered instead of the solicited alms a day's work in the hot sun and for this mendicant to reject the offer of work with anger and indignation..

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One can easily understand, therefore, why the street corners of every sizeable town in the island are congested with healthy, young hustlers and malingerers while the farmers of the nation are unable to get workers to take off the crops. Apparently all these people are looking for light well-paid work with a minimum of sweat. The attitude of this section of the population can be summed up as - "too heavy for light work and too light for heavy work".

BLACK SUBVERSIVES

Frequently in Britain and the U.S.A. a group of blacks grounding together on a street corner are hounded by white police and dispersed. The same happens in Jamaica to a similar group of blacks, except that the police are black and their methods are generally far more violent than the British or American cops. This means that Africans are considered to be just as potentially subversive in Jamaica where they are an absolute majority as in the U.S.A. and Britain where they are a small minority. For the majority of black Jamaicans - the people of the ghetto and the peasant dwelling - are just as much second class citizens as the black minorities in North, South and Central America, Britain, France and elsewhere. A group of white, yellow or near-white youths in the "better" residential areas of Kingston would never be attached or intimidated by local police. But these same police are happy to use their batons to crown a group of black youths in any of the slum areas of the capital city.

In America the percentage of Africans in prison far exceeds their percentage in the total population. In South Africa the African is always in prison for the most trivial reasons. In fact, in South Africa it is an offence to be black. Jamaica is not very different. Almost the entire prison population of the island is of African race. Is it logical to conclude that only Africans commit crimes in Jamaica? Or to put it another way, that Jews, Arabs, Chinese and Europeans never do criminal acts? This is an interesting question and one answer certainly is that the black man in Jamaica is a peculiarly subversive and criminal person.

Black Americans and their African people visiting Jamaica have quickly realized the attitudes of the Jamaican authorities to black people. They have commented unfavourably on their treatment at the hands of the customs and immigration authorities here. One African brother contrasted his treatment at the hands of the white authorities in Puerto Rico with that accorded him by his black brothers in Jamaica. The Jamaican authorities were far more hostile. H also noticed that white visitors to Jamaica were on the other hand given deferential and preferential treatment. The fact is that all black people entering Jamaica who look black, proud and defiant are considered subversive and treated as such. Only a complete change from the two present political parties, the P.N.P. and the J.L.P., which are financed and manipulated by the non-African ruling class, can make the black man the master in his own black house.

UP YOU MIGHTY RACE !!!

MARCUS GARVEY.

WHAT ARE BLACK JAMAICANS AFRAID OF?
By Anthony Davis

Most people know that a mouse will normally run at the sight of a person, or a loud sound. He runs and hides because he is afraid, hence the saying "as timid as a mouse".

The moment a conscious person, (racially) arrives in Jamaica he will immediately see that Black Jamaicans who make up ninety five per cent of the population (American standard) and with other advantages, should unite and change the system which keeps them at the bottom of the economic ladder. There are men who have opposed and fought against this system. Cudjoe and Bogle. to name just a few of the old time freedom fighters. Marcus Garvey fought it locally and internationally.

Fear of Victimization hampers change

With examples of leadership as these men gave, one would expect a large and well organized opposition. Instead there are many racially conscious people, but they are not organized in any large groups, just complaining, but not taking any strong stand.

Black consciousness is expressed mainly among the Rastafarians and the Youth. Rastas believe in a doctrine portraying a Black God, and an identification with Africa. They try to adopt whatever African culture they can, and replace the white doctrine, which they completely reject.

White and Yellow power, why not Black?

Any Youth who wears his hair long, or do anything which makes him appear to be pro-Rasta is condemned, and so a fear has developed toward expressing any agreement with the movement, in its spiritual and racial concept. The Black Power movement is much wider in its scope, involving a spiritual, economic and cultural aspect, and simply means power for Black people, just as white, yellow and brown people acquire it to protect themselves.

Mental Slavery still exists

Black people have been cowed and mistreated for centuries as slaves, and not allowed to think for themselves, or to act on their own; that is why it is so difficult to organize them, and keep them together under black independent leadership. Marcus Garvey, the first and only international mass leader proved it can be done. But one has to be prepared to be a target for the white oppressor, and suffer daily. Notwithstanding all this both leaders and followers must overcome fear, and be courageous, knowing that Black Freedom is inevitable and justified before God.

Parents with old attitudes hamper youth

Many parents in Jamaica are not aware that empires have fallen, and nations are re-grouping according t race - Asia lead by China and Japan, and Europe opening her doors to England. But the youth have a knowledge of current happenings, and are in disagreement with the [illegible]ent attitude of their parents, who do not realize that disturbances and cold wars in any part of the world eventually affects Jamaica.

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We feel that the young peopld will unite for the good of all, but we appeal to the parents to view the world as it really is - cruel, selfish and materialistic - and participate in movements and organisations, working to bring changes into the lives of our people.

It is truly said that the Youth of today are the men and women of tomorrow. They will carry on when the older ones pass on. So help them now, team up with them, and strive to build a BETTER JAMAICA.

FOREIGN AID

You wring out labor from bloody-sweaty
muscular backs,
Usurping African diamond and Trinidad oil
and Jamaica bauxite and Guianese gold
To display your pride in the sky.

When to assist in return,
you find it unpleasing.

You use semantics and diplomatic courtesy
by calling us Underdeveloped,
But what you mean to say is backward,
for that's what you really mean.

You visit our countries,
then you smile,
Then uttering words that take form
of BARREN SAND,
You then parasite.

Ironically, and paradoxically
you preach the word of Jesue,
Home and abroad:
Feed the hungry!
Clothe the naked!
Help the poor!

Your Missionaries sing in their hymns:
"I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold"
While they are in our country,
They import Jesus and export our Gold.

Ernest Merrill, June 1969

WE NEED SOME AFRICAN POWER, SOME GREAT CENTRE OF THE RACE WHERE OUR PHYSICAL, PECUNIARY, AND INTELLECTUAL STRENGTH MAY BE COLLECTED.

EDWARD BLYDEN

MARCUS GARVEY - "UP MIGHTY RACE!"
AND THEY ROSE TO CHALLENGE
GLOBAL OPPRESSION AND DEGRADATION
by: Amy Jacques Garvey
"The only protection against INJUSTICE IN MAN is
POWER - Physical, financial and scientific".

This is the considered opinion of Marcus Mosiah Garvey, who after travelling extensively around the world, saw and felt the heavy hands of a white system (regardless of nationality) that kept his race in ignorance and poverty, so as to exploit their lands and labours, for the wealth and aggrandisement of European Imperial Powers and white American materialism. They considered themselves "the lords of creation" and the darker peoples of the world" the lesser breed."

He was called Mose.

He was born on the 17th day of August, 1887 at St. Ann's Bay - the Garden Parish of Jamaica in the Caribbean. His parents were Marcus Garvey and Sarah his wife. Pa Garvey of Maroon family (guerillas of the hills who defied the British) said the boy should be named after him, and as he was born under the Planet Leo - the lion, when the sun was in the ascendency he would become a strong man. Ma Garvey being a religious woman attending the Wesley Methodist Church wanted the boy named Moses - the deliverer. She observed that August was hurricane month, and God had delivered them from the devastation; so at baptism time in September she compromised, and the baby was named Marcus Mosiah Garvey. But he was called Mose until he became a man.

As a boy in the rural area he grew up near to Nature, he loved the sea, and listened to the tall tales the seamen used to tell about foreign countries and their peoples. He read his fathers books, also those of his God-fathers. He learned the printing trade from him, and later went to the City of Kingston, where he became involved in a printers' strike.

Black Migrants sufferings in Central and South America.

In 1910 he was anxious to see the world, so he went to his Uncle in Costa Rica. The working and living conditions of the black West Indian migrants were appalling. He travelled through Central America, and as far as Ecuador and Chile, only to witness the exploitation and ill-treatmont of his people. In every country he went he organized them, and published a small news-paper in English, in order to air their grievances; but they were too poor and ill-informed to appreciate organizational work for their benefit. While the farm owners and mine bosses made it hot for him, as an agitator, said he was stirring up trouble among the workers. The British Consul did nothing to protect them.

Sick with fever and sick at heart he returned to Jamaica, and presented a Memorandum to the Governor of the Colony on the Workers' behalf, who said he could not interfere into the working conditions of those Spanish speaking countries. These are the

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people who formed the nucleus of the Garvey Movement later on, and these are the injustices that urged him to tell the world of the sufferings of his race, and to unite them to change their status. Said he, "no white man can ever fully understand and feel what a black man suffers daily".

His work in England, Europe and America

He went to England and Europe and made contacts with African and Caribbean seamen and students, also the Egyptian Nationalist - Duse Mohammed Ali. He returned to Jamaica inspired and fired with determination to unite the scattered members of his race with those in the mother country - Africa, so he formed the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League. In 1916 he went to America to get help to establish a trade and crafts institute on the pattern of Tuskegee, so as to train Jamaican labourers the skills necessary for them to earn more money and to enable them to demand better working conditions. But he was so successful in organizing the masses, that the people begged him to remain as their leader.

His Challenge - "Africa for the Africans"

In August 1920 at Madison Square Gardens, New York City, at the opening of the First International Convention, to an audience of 25,000 (black and white) he gave out his challenge to the white Colonial Powers - "Africa for the Africans, those at home and those abroad". Said he, "four hundred million negroes will redeem Africa or answer to God the reason why".

Garvey - Slave Master's name

In 1922 at the International Convention at Liberty Hall, New York City, when all the forces of evil were strained against him, because of his relentless fight for full freedom for his race, he said; "An Irish slave-master gave my fore-bear the name Garvey; he was not allowed to pass unto us his African name, but by the God of my fathers - the living and true God, the name of Garvey will plague white oppressors until all Africa is free". What he suffered for years at the hands of his own people as Agents of European Imperialists and white shipping companies cannot be told here, but he kept up the fight through world-wide organization, under-ground agents in Africa, the columns of the Negro World, the New Jamaican and the Blackman until his death in England, June 10, 1940.

The harder he is hit, the higher he bounces

What builds character in a person? Some say it is in-built Destiny. But to others Destiny is only Direction. A person acquires from his parents their characteristics, in a greater or lesser degree, his early training, environmental influences at school, at home, in the neighbourhood; and later on the hardships, discriminations and pressures to thwart his aims and ambitions and to divert him from his goal. All these make the person that he is, and he acts and reacts accordingly. Garvey was certainly like Leo the lion, he said to his rival enemies (who pressurized the Attorney General of the U.S.A. to have him speedily convicted and

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deported) the harder you hit me unjustly, I will be like a rubber ball, and bounce higher. The cause of the black masses is righteous, it is spiritual, it must prevail".

Towards the close of his life, he wrote:-

"I saw before me then, even as I do now a new world of black men,
not peons, serfs, dogs and slaves,
but a nation of sturdymen making their impress upon civilization, and causing a new light to dawn upon the human race".

Black Power must be Scientific

He believed in the redemption of Africa, he envisaged the continent free from white domination and exploitation, but the fight would be long and tedious, as he pointed out:-

"Europe is bankrupt today, and every nation within her bounds is endeavoring to find new openings, new fields of exploitation - new resources, the revenue and the power necessary for their rehabilitation and well-being. Men see, not through the spectacles of sympathy, but demand that each and every race measures up in proportion to the world's demand for service and power".

He also foresaw the downfall of the Colonial Empires through world wars, as a consequence the loss of territories in Asia and Africa (rich with minerals). But he warned; "The battles of the future, whether they be physical or mental, will be fought on scientific lines, and the race that is able to produce the highest scientific development, is the race that will ultimately rule".

What makes a man great?

In November 1964 the Government of Jamaica brought his body from England, where it was embalmed to last for years, as it could not be shipped during the war years. He was proclaimed Jamaica's First National Hero and enshrined with fitting Church and State Ceremonies. Under the caption - "Home is the Hero". The Daily Gleaner, editorial, November 15, 1964 stated;-

"What makes a man a National Hero? Surely, prosperity, material success or territorial attainment are not the criteria. Personal gain or worldly acclaim are also not the tests. The real test must be the permanence and permeation of the idea the man promulgated. The survival of his philosophy. The spread of his gospel working like yeast in the world, long after his death. By those criteria is a national hero judged and recognized. By those has Marcus Mosiah Garvey come into his own as a great son of Jamaica.

"The fact that Garvey throughout his life was persecuted, his ideas laughed at, or actively opposed - all these things contribute to making him a man who stood out from his follows.

Today ... /

"Today all over the world there are black men, who consciously or not, have assumed dignity and new spirit from the message that Garvey preached. It happens almost inexorably that the people who conformed with rulers or oppressors are reviled when liberation comes eventually..... Similarly, in the opposite, persons who were imprisoned or persecuted by the Imperialists, or by a ruling class, become along with emancipation or independence, heroes of the freed."

"Your life's journey was run,
Ere your task had begun,
But the torch you have lit burns with rage,
As black people embark
On life's sea rough and dark,
With their sails in the high 'winds of change'.

C. Greene

WADADA

WADADA imprisoned BLACK in white cells
WADADA THE LIVING in the living-death of white
Living on in the death of white

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BLACK LANGUAGE BLACK CULTURE BLACK HERITAGE
BLACK/BLACK/BLACK/

WADADA profane in white mind
"lets make wadada"
WADADA IS made
its the BLACK
in white

WADADA
BLACK LANGUAGE BLACK CULTURE BLACK HERITAGE
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WADADA violate deeds
lustful creed
playing with life and death
WADADA exploited
injected
a neurosis for the white need

WADADA
BLACK LANGUAGE BLACK CULTURE BLACK HERITAGE
BLACK/BLACK/BLACK/

WADADA WADADA WADADA
Show forth your BLACKNESS
Slay whiteys "love"
Slay whiteys "death"
WADADA
BLACK LANGUAGE BLACK CULTURE BLACK HERITAGE
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WADADA The GOOD in man The BLACK in white.

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A CALL FOR NEW LEADERSHIP IN JAMAICA
by Cyril Stewart

The historic landings of Spanish military and naval forces on Jamaican soil led by the Genoese Explorer, Christopher Columbus in 1492, set the stage for a new era of conquest of the Western Hemisphere by the whiteman. The Spanish occupation of Jamaica lasted for 161 years.

The Red Indians - an industrious and peace-loving people, who had inhabited Jamaica for hundreds of years before the arrival of the whiteman, were not only enslaved, but were exterminated within the first fifty years of Spanish rule.

Africans brought here as slaves

After the extermination of the Red Indians, the Planters needed free workers on the plantations, so they got English politicians to get Queen Elizabeth I to sign a charter authorizing John Hawkins, an English Explorer to proceed to the continent of Africa, and obtained Africans, who were told they were to be civilized and christianized in the New World. This marked the beginning of the English slavers, who were preceded by the Portuguese and Spaniards. African slavery, probably the longest and most barbarous in human history lasted for nearly three hundred years. The Spanish occupation of Jamaica ended in May 1655, when the island was captured by the British military and naval forces led by Admiral Penn and General Venables.

African slaves rebelled against inhuman treatment

Jamaica remained a British possession for over three hundred years. The foregoing historical incidents briefly relate a tale of conquest by the whiteman using black men's labour and skill to build up their homelands. What reward did these slaves and serfs get? None at all. It is time the black people start collecting what was due our forebears for centuries. African slaves rebelled at every chance they got, or they took, against white brutality and slavery. As early as 1736 Tackey captured the parishes of Portland, St. Thomas, St. Mary and St. Andrew. It took all the military and naval forces of the British to defeat him. By 1748 they were again saved from defeat at the hands of the combined African and Maroon Warriors by the treachery of Captain Cudjoe of the Maroons, who signed a separate peace treaty with Governor Edward Trelawny.

The following were the terms of the agreement:-

1. That the Maroons be granted their own independence.

2. That the Maroons would assist the British to repel any foreign invasion of the Island.

3. To capture any runaway slaves, and return them to their masters.

This act of treachory by the Maroons did not stop the slaves from fighting for their freedom. Between 1748 and 1831 when Sam Daddy Sharpe led the last slave rebellion, there were over one hundred slave uprisings in Jamaica. On the 1st of August 1838 chattel slavery came to an end, to be followed by another one hundred years of economic wage slavery, and a decade of neo-colonialism.

Garvey the Greatest Freedom Fighter

Toward the close of the nineteenth century Jamaica gave birth to Marcus Mosiah Garvey - teacher, Visioner, Philosopher and dynamic Mass Leader of African Nationalism. In 1914 he founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League. By 1920 he organized over eleven million followers. His was the only black mass movement internationally, working under a convention (annually) of representatives of the race from all parts of the world. His demand for the freedom of four hundred million Negroes, and the complete independence of the African continent, was an inspiration to all freedom loving peoples, who respected his courage and boldness. But to the Colonial, Empire holding countries, he was a menace, an agitator who must be destroyed.

By 1922 the Black Star Line, the Black Cross Navigation Co. that had ships on the seas were wrecked by traitors from within, bribed by the agents of Colonial Powers, and white shipping companies. The great Liberian colonization scheme, which had received concessions of land for pioneers from America, to develop and create a commercial exchange between Africa and America by Black people in their own interests, was sabotage by President King of Liberia, and Firestone Rubber Company given the concessions instead. Marcus Garvey was persecuted, imprisoned for the Black Star Line, and all the other officers freed. Then he was deported to Jamaica, as requested by his rivals, who could not compete with him and his organization. But the spirit of the Movement continued to stir black peoples hearts and minds. Today the Red, Black and Green, are the colours of Young America.

Founded First Political Party in Jamaica

In 1929 he founded the Peoples Political Party, with a manifesto calling for changes in all stages of life of the black masses; the first being self-government for Jamaica. With limited franchise, he was defeated. He held two conventions here, which was an eye-opener to the poor masses, but the sinister plots to undermine him financially went on, as he was accused of wanting to put the black people in power, as they are in the great majority. He was even sent to Spanish Town prison for three months for daring to say that judges should be imprisoned if they dealt unfairly with the people. Today there are over forty African independent states in African and the Caribbean Area, thanks to the persistence of Garvey and his hardworking followers, who are still fighting until all Africa is free.

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Political Parties and Unions divide the people

By May 1938 Jamaica was in a state of unrest. There were strikes, marches, lock-outs and clashes between the police and military against the Workers and Peasants. The results were mass arrests and imprisonment. Scores of workers were killed and wounded. The people rose against injustices, but lack of a single dedicated leader, made them pawns of two rival political and union factions. From early 1940 Jamaica was the scene of Island-wide campaign for self-government. By 1958 the Island entered a ten island Federation at the invitation of the British Government, which collapsed after Jamaica's secession in 1961. The next step was independence for Jamaica.

Political Independence but Economic Slavery

Two factors emerge in Jamaica's history, that is the relentless struggle of the black masses to rise in the scale of life, and the sinister system by whites, Chinese, Syrians and others to hold the economic reins, while the black masses pay and pay. It was in keeping with the whiteman's interest that Messrs. Bustamante and Manley, political leaders most acceptable to the British Government were invited to London in 1962 to negotiate for Jamaica's independence. The Leaders returned from the Conference with a constitution accepted by themselves and the British Government, which we are told guaranteed Jamaica's independence politically. A general election was called by Premier Manley - the P.N.P. Leader, but the election was won by Bustamante, the Labour Party's leader. On the 6th of August 1962 Independence was celebrated, but these are my conclusions:-

1. Jamaica still clings to an outmoded monarchistic system, accepting a white Queen of Jamaica.

2. The Head of State - The Governor General represents the Queen of England, and not the people of Jamaica.

3. The right of every man and woman to vote is not enshrined in the constitution one can only vote if his or her name appears on the voters' list.

4. Over three hundred thousand persons who attain the age of twenty-one years are denied the right to vote yearly through this arbitrary system.

5. The Government arrogates to itself the right to change or gerrymander constitutional boundaries.

6. The right to march, to be free from arbitrary arrest and detention, and freedom of travel are not effectively guaranteed by the constitution.

7. The constitution can only be amended by a two-third majority of both Houses of Parliament, and a referendum with two-thirds of the people of Jamaica taking part.

Jamaica now stands at the cross roads of its destiny, when new, dynamic and dedicated leadership, and the acceptance and loyalty of such leadership are crucial in the struggle of the Africans to attain their freedom along with the Freedom of Movement of African peoples all over the world.

FROM "OF LAND, LUNATICS & THE COSMOS"

Now dig this
This is Man's World
And Men the World over
Today will assert themselves
Over the question of LAND
Their Lands
Lands of their Ancestors &
Land of/and/is their Ancestors
BLACKMAN
Come down to Earth
To the Real Down-To-Earth Space Race
For AFRICA
My AFRICA Your AFRICA Our AFRICA
We are the Sons & Daughters
Of Mother AFRICA
Fathered by the Sun
First born Children of Earth
Far scattered long lost
Heirs of this planet's richest real estate
AFRICA
Kidnapped & brought
Out of space in AFRICA
Like new found specimens displayed to an alien world
and quarantined
For over 350 years
Transplanted questioned studied experimented upon
Released for propaganda purposes
But always under
Constant surveillance &
Maximum security
. . .
Promised a projected landing
In the sea of tranquility
Miscalculation
We touch down among the rugged craters
Of the Sea of Crises
But now, amoeboid
We stir & replenish ourselves & grow
As satellites we
Retrace our orbital path
Guided by our distant Star of Destiny
AFRICA
Terrestrial compass
Of a wandering people
No longer lost in the stars
Finding our way
back home
In Body & Mind & Spirit
We search for LAND
Yearning to set unshackled feet
On the Good Earth
Our Good Earth
Land ho! AFRICA, the New World

by Cecil Blombe Brath

BLACK POWER IS AFRICAN POWER.

AMERICAN BLUNDERS IN ASIA AND AFRICA
by: Amy Jacques Garvey

Mr. William Winters in his "Comments", July 1971, under the heading:- "The Most Colossal Blunder of our Times", states:-

> "The ontagon papers reveal that Ho Chi-Minh appealed to Truman to take over Indochina after World War II, administer it as we did the Phillipines in a period of tutelage, preparing the country for eventual independence, rather than let the French come back. Ho sent eight messages to Truman. Truman ignored them all".

No one can adequately compute what it has cost the American Government from the war in Korea, Vietnam, until all Indochina is involved, financially, besides the loss of lives of young men in a war she can never win.

We are reminded of another blunder, which could have solved what they call "The Negro Problem". 1921-1922 Marcus Garvey as head of the U.N.I.A. made arrangements with the Liberian Government for large concessions of arable and mineral lands to enable Black Americans of skill, technically trained professional and pioneers (selected migrants) to develop townships, industries, scientific agriculture, and via the Black Star Line ships to take products, raw materials and minerals to America to be manufactured, and some to be returned for African consumption.

Two sets of experts, commissioners and committee of Executives, were sent from New York City, but without warning President King of Liberia (who had organized a local committee to receive the migrants) changed his mind, without notifying Marcus Garvey, and gave the concessions to Firestone Rubber Company and an American Company to exploit the iron ore.

President King kept all the machinery and supplies sent by the U.N.I.A., and sent back the experts. It is said that pressure was brought to bear on him by England and France (neighbouring Colonial Powers then) and also white American business interests.

This dastardly act destroyed the extensive plans for a Greater Liberia colonized by progressive industrious Black Americans, and which would have been an outlet for men and women of the Western Hemisphere seeking a place in Mother Africa, where they could demonstrate their abilities and potentialities.

This was a wicked counter-plan to keep Black Americans bottled up in cities that refuse them full and gainful employment, and discriminate against them in all spheres of life, for they are minority without metropolitan protection - to speak on their behalf, and lack of economic security.

Trillions of dollars are spent yearly for war in Asia, but not even thousands to rehabilitate Black citizens on the continent of their origin. Uncle Sam! you muffed the ball twice on a racial field. Now non-white races regard you as a world-p wer, but powerless to accord common justice to your Black citizens in the country of their birth.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Since the last issue of the Blackman, Africans were saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Francois Duvalier, President of the Republic of Haiti. President Duvalier was a fervent African Nationalist who dealt severely with the bumptious mulattoes and made sure that the land of Haiti remained in the hands of the Africans. Because he did not open up his country to the white western exploitation, as has been done in Jamaica and other Caribbean islands, Dr. Duvalier was consistently maligned by the western gutter press. We hope that the new leaders of Haiti, while improving the economic situation of their country, will ensure in Duvalier tradition that the land and the means of production will remain in the hands of the black people.

On the 17th of August, African Nationalists celebrate the 84th anniversary of the birth of Marcus Mosiah Garvey. The great teacher and prophet of the African Race may not be with us in the flesh but his spirit lives in the militant blacks of today.

On the 25th of May, 1971, African Unity Day, a son, Sekou Menelik, was born to Claire Garvey and Marcus Garvey, Jnr. The new Garvey is named after the famous President of Guinea, Sekou Toure and the conqueror at the battle of Adowa, the Emperor Menelik.

Recent events in the Sudan have been a setback to the black people there. When we Africans in Jamaica saw the picture of the black leader who had led the coup in the Sudan, we hoped that the African was about to destroy the Arab in that country as has been done in Zanzibar. However, the coup was not successful and the Arab swine, Numeiry was able to wreak his vengeance. But this is not the end of the battle between African and Arab in North Africa. A time of retribution will come. Both the hooked-nose Semite in the North and the Boer and Portuguese beasts in the South will be cast into the sea. Africans everywhere must prepare for the inevitable racial showdown in the mother continent.

Late in July, we received news of the death of another African leader - President Tubman of Liberia. The President was well known in Jamaica as he had visited this country in 1954. We of the African Nationalist Union regret his passing and hope that Liberia will remain open to Africans in the diaspora as before. Is it time now to consider some form of federal link between Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone? We need unity on the Westcoast.

THE THOUGHTFUL AND INDUSTRIOUS OF OUR RACE WANT TO GO BACK TO AFRICA, BECAUSE WE REALIZE IT WILL BE OUR ONLY HOPE OF PERMANENT EXISTENCE — MARCUS GARVEY.

The Mutual Cooperative Society Hall was destroyed by fire on the 26th July. The hall was the regular meeting place of the African Nationalist Union. The fire was the result of criminal activity by hoodlums who broke into the premises and stole a quantity of the Society's money from their safe. This depraved type of criminal always robs the poor black people. Instead of robbing from a friendly society that is a beacon of light and hope for the little people in this island, these oppressors of the little people should try their talents among the bloated capitalists and merchants who can afford to lose some of their hoard of dollars. Criminal activity is always to be condemned. If, however, there are degrees of crime, then the criminal of the lowest degree is the one who preys on the poor and underprivileged people of the land. Let us hope that other friendly societies come to the aid of Mutual.

BLACK PAWNS

my/our
life is like a deck of cards,

me/you/us
we don't play,
we are played.

my/our
life is shuffled and cut
and looked upon and flung away,

me/you/us
our life is like a verb
in the passive voice
or
just like a deck of cards,

me/you/us
we don't play,
we are played.

Ernest Morrill, Jan. 1971.

BE AS PROUD OF YOUR RACE TODAY AS OUR FATHERS WERE IN THE DAYS OF YORE.
MARCUS GARVEY.

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